

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces any and all prior claim lists.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original). A carbon nanotube composition that contains a conducting polymer (a), a solvent (b) and carbon nanotubes (c).

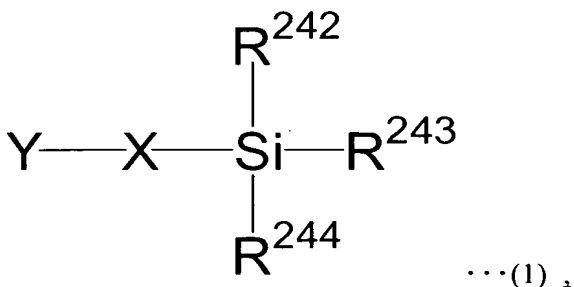
Claim 2 (original). A carbon nanotube composition that contains a heterocyclic compound trimer (i), a solvent (b) and carbon nanotubes (c).

Claim 3 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the carbon nanotube composition additionally contains a high molecular weight compound (d).

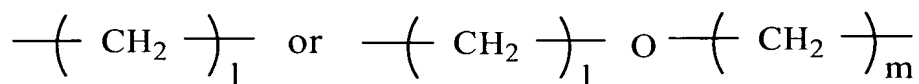
Claim 4 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the carbon nanotube composition additionally contains a basic compound (e).

Claim 5 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the carbon nanotube composition additionally contains a surfactant (f).

Claim 6 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the carbon nanotube composition additionally contains a silane coupling agent (g) represented by the following formula (1):



(in the formula (1)), wherein in the formula (1) R^{242} , R^{243} and R^{244} respectively and independently represent a group selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, amino group, acetyl group, phenyl group and halogen group, X represents the following:



l and m represent values from 0 to 6, and Y represents a group selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group, thiol group, amino group, epoxy group and epoxycyclohexyl group[[]].

Claim 7 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the carbon nanotube composition additionally contains a colloidal silica (h).

Claim 8 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 1, and 3 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the conducting polymer (a) is a water soluble conducting polymer.

Claim 9 (original). A carbon nanotube composition according to claim 8, wherein the water soluble conducting polymer has at least one of a sulfonic acid group and a carboxyl group.

Claim 10 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to claim 9, wherein the water soluble conducting polymer having at least one of a sulfonic acid group and a carboxyl group is a water soluble conducting polymer that contains 20 to 100% of at least one type of the repeating units selected from the following formulas (2) to (10) relative to the total number of repeating units throughout the entire polymer:



~~(in the formula (2)),~~ wherein in the formula (2) R^1 and R^2 are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H, ---SO_3^- , $\text{---SO}_3\text{H}$, $\text{---R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{---R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, ---OCH_3 , ---CH_3 , $\text{---C}_2\text{H}_5$, ---F , ---Cl , ---Br , ---I , $\text{---N(R}^{35})_2$, ---NHCOR^{35} , ---OH , ---O^- , ---SR^{35} , ---OR^{35} , ---OCOR^{35} , ---NO_2 , ---COOH , $\text{---R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, ---COOR^{35} , ---COR^{35} , ---CHO and ---CN , where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, and at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a group selected from the group consisting of ---SO_3^- , $\text{---SO}_3\text{H}$, $\text{---R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{---R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, ---COOH and $\text{---R}^{35}\text{COOH}[\text{---}]\text{---}$];

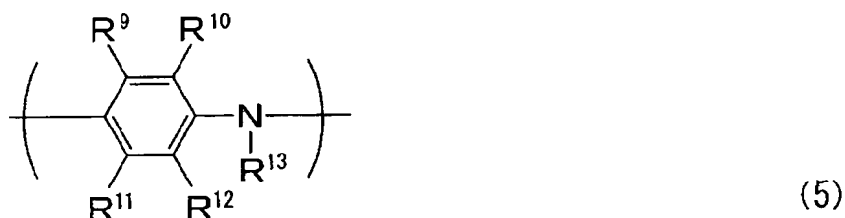


~~(in the formula (3)),~~ wherein in the formula (3) R^3 and R^4 are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H, ---SO_3^- , $\text{---SO}_3\text{H}$, $\text{---R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{---R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, ---OCH_3 , ---CH_3 , $\text{---C}_2\text{H}_5$, ---F , ---Cl , ---Br , ---I , $\text{---N(R}^{35})_2$, ---NHCOR^{35} , ---OH , ---O^- , ---SR^{35} , ---OR^{35} , ---OCOR^{35} , ---NO_2 , ---COOH , $\text{---R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, ---COOR^{35} , ---COR^{35} , ---CHO and ---CN , where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24

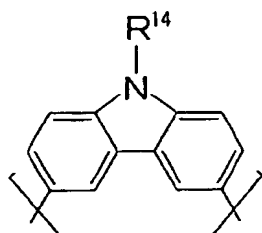
carbon atoms, and at least one of R^3 and R^4 is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}[\text{[]}]$;



~~(in the formula (4), wherein in the formula (4)~~ R^5 to R^8 are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H , $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{35})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}^{35}$, $-\text{OR}^{35}$, $-\text{OCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}^{35}$, $-\text{COR}^{35}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$, where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, and at least one of R^5 to R^8 is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}[\text{[]}]$;

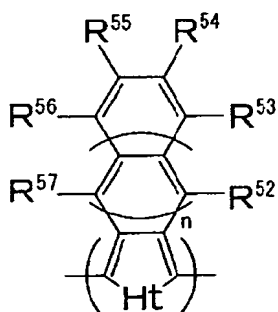


~~(in the formula (5), wherein in the formula (5)~~ R^9 to R^{13} are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H , $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{35})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}^{35}$, $-\text{OR}^{35}$, $-\text{OCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}^{35}$, $-\text{COR}^{35}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$, where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, and at least one of R^9 to R^{13} is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}[\text{[]}]$;



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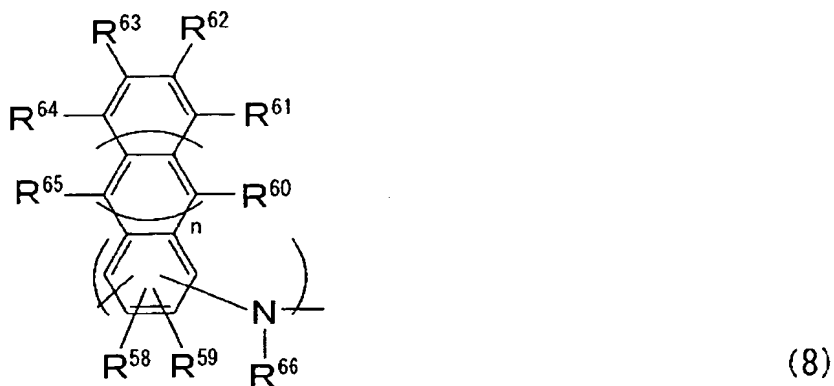
(in the formula (6), wherein in the formula (6) R^{14} is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{42}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{42}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{42}\text{COOH}$, where R^{42} represents an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms[[]]);



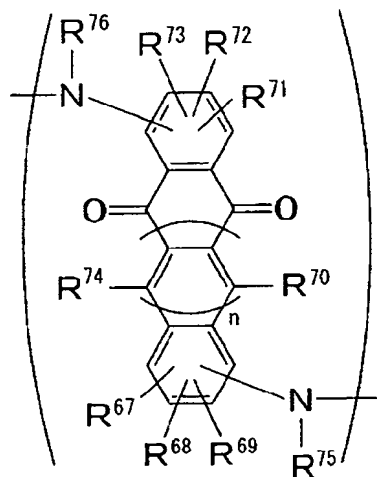
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(~~in the formula (7)~~, wherein in the formula (7) R^{52} to R^{57} are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{35})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}^{35}$, $-\text{OR}^{35}$, $-\text{OCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}^{35}$, $-\text{COR}^{35}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$, where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, at least one of R^{52} to R^{57} is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, Ht represents a heteroatom group selected from the group consisting of NR^{82} , S, O, Se and Te, where R^{82} represents hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, or a substituted or non-substituted aryl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, the hydrocarbon chains of R^{52} to R^{57} mutually bond at arbitrary locations and may form a bivalent chain that forms at least one cyclic structure of saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbons of a 3 to 7-member ring together with the carbon atoms substituted by

the groups, the cyclic bonded chain formed in this manner may contain a carbonyl ether, ester, amide, sulfide, sulfinyl, sulfonyl or imino bond at arbitrary locations, and n represents the number of condensed rings sandwiched between a hetero ring and a benzene ring having substituents R^{53} to R^{56} , and is 0 or an integer of 1 to 3[[]];

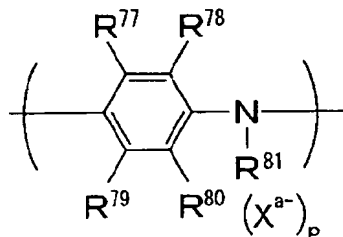


~~(in the formula (8), wherein in the formula (8)~~ R^{58} to R^{66} are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{35})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}^{35}$, $-\text{OR}^{35}$, $-\text{OCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}^{35}$, $-\text{COR}^{35}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$, where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, at least one of R^{58} to R^{66} is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, and n represents the number of condensed rings sandwiched between a benzene ring having substituents R^{58} and R^{59} and a benzene ring having substituents R^{61} to R^{64} , and is 0 or an integer of 1 to 3[[]];



(9)

(in the formula (9)), wherein in the formula (9) R^{67} to R^{76} are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{35})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}^{35}$, $-\text{OR}^{35}$, $-\text{OCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}^{35}$, $-\text{COR}^{35}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$, where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, at least one of R^{67} to R^{76} is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, and n represents the number of condensed rings sandwiched between a benzene ring having substituents R^{67} to R^{69} and a benzoquinone ring, and is 0 or an integer of 1 to 3[[I]]; and,

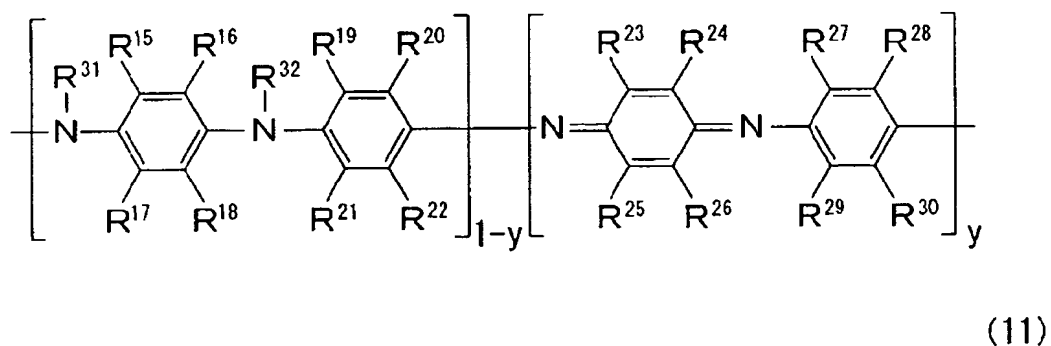


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(in the formula (10)), wherein in the formula (10) R^{77} to R^{81} are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{35})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}^{35}$, $-\text{OR}^{35}$, $-\text{OCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}^{35}$, $-\text{COR}^{35}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$, where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, at least one of R^{77} to R^{81} is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, and p represents the number of condensed rings sandwiched between a benzene ring having substituents R^{77} to R^{80} and a benzoquinone ring, and is 0 or an integer of 1 to 3[[I]]; and,

$R^{35}COOH$, $-COOR^{35}$, $-COR^{35}$, $-CHO$ and $-CN$, where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group or alkylene, arylene having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, at least one of R^{77} to R^{81} is a group selected from the group consisting of $-SO_3^-$, $-SO_3H$, $-R^{35}SO_3^-$, $-R^{35}SO_3H$, $-COOH$ and $-R^{35}COOH$, Xa^- is at least one type of anion selected from the group of anions having a valence of 1 to 3 consisting of a chlorine ion, bromine ion, iodine ion, fluorine ion, nitrate ion, sulfate ion, hydrogensulfate ion, phosphate ion, borofluoride ion, perchlorate ion, thiocyanate ion, acetate ion, propionate ion, methane sulfonate ion, p-toluene sulfonate ion, trifluoroacetate ion and trifluoromethane sulfonate ion, a represents the ion valence of X and is an integer of 1 to 3, and p represents the doping ratio and has a value of 0.001 to 1[D]].

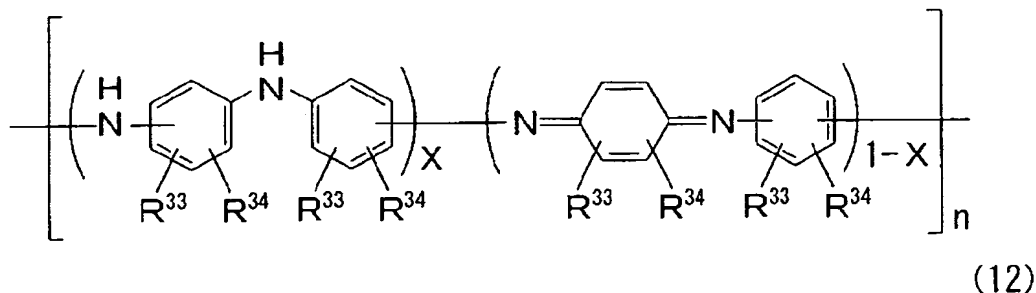
Claim 11 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to claim 9, wherein the water soluble conducting polymer having at least one of a sulfonic acid group and a carboxyl group is a water soluble conducting polymer that contains 20 to 100% of the repeating unit represented by the following formula (11) relative to the total number of repeating units throughout the entire polymer:



(in the formula (11), wherein in the formula (11) y represents an arbitrary number such that $0 < y < 1$, R^{15} to R^{32} are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H , $-SO_3^-$, $-SO_3H$, $-R^{35}SO_3^-$, $-R^{35}SO_3H$, $-OCH_3$, $-CH_3$, $-C_2H_5$, $-F$, $-Cl$, $-Br$, $-I$, $-N(R^{35})_2$, $-NHCOR^{35}$, $-OH$, $-O^-$,

$-\text{SR}^{35}$, $-\text{OR}^{35}$, $-\text{OCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}^{35}$, $-\text{COR}^{35}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$, where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, and at least one of R^{15} to R^{32} is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}[\text{D}]$.

Claim 12 (original). A carbon nanotube composition according to claim 9, wherein the water soluble conducting polymer having at least one of a sulfonic acid group and a carboxyl group is represented by the following formula (12):



(in the formula (12), wherein in the formula (12) R^{33} represents one group selected from the group consisting of a sulfonic acid group, carboxyl group, their alkaline metal salts, ammonium salts and substituted ammonium salts, R^{34} represents one group selected from the group consisting of a methyl group, ethyl group, n-propyl group, iso-propyl group, n-butyl group, iso-butyl group, sec-butyl group, tert-butyl group, dodecyl group, tetracosyl group, methoxy group, ethoxy group, n-propoxy group, iso-butoxy group, sec-butoxy group, tert-butoxy group, heptoxy group, hexoxy group, octoxy group, dodecoxy group, tetracoxyl group, fluoro group, chloro group and bromo group, X represents an arbitrary number such that $0 < X < 1$, and n represents the degree of polymerization and has a value of 3 or more[[]]).

Claim 13 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to claim 9, wherein the water soluble conducting polymer having at least one of a sulfonic acid group and a carboxyl group is a water soluble conducting polymer obtained by polymerizing at least one of type of acidic group-substituted aniline represented by the following formula (13), its alkaline metal salt, ammonium salt and substituted ammonium salt, with an oxidizing agent in a solution containing a basic compound:

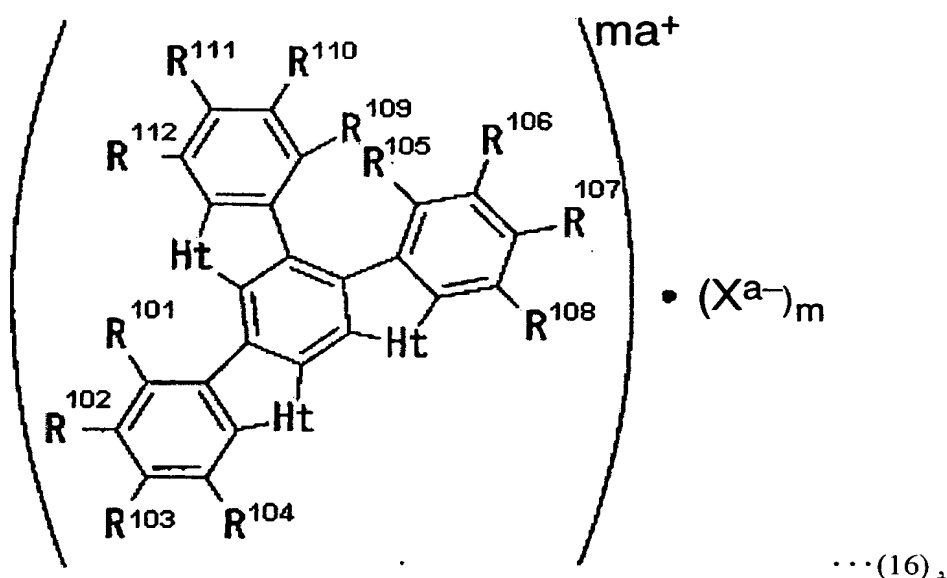


(in the formula (13), wherein in the formula (13) R^{36} to R^{41} are respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}^{35})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}^{35}$, $-\text{OR}^{35}$, $-\text{OCOR}^{35}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}^{35}$, $-\text{COR}^{35}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$, where R^{35} represents an alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms or an alkylene, arylene or aralkylene group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, and at least one of R^{36} to R^{41} is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}^{35}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}^{35}\text{COOH}[\text{ }]$).

Claim 14 (original). A carbon nanotube composition according to claim 9, wherein the water soluble conducting polymer having at least one of a sulfonic acid group and a carboxyl group is a water soluble conducting polymer obtained by polymerizing at least one type of alkoxy group-substituted aminobenzene sulfonic acid, its alkaline metal salt, ammonium salt and substituted ammonium salt, with an oxidizing agent in a solution containing a basic compound.

Claim 15 (original). A carbon nanotube composition according to claim 9, wherein the water soluble conducting polymer having at least one of a sulfonic acid group and a carboxyl group is polyethylene dioxythiophene polystyrene sulfate.

Claim 16 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 2, wherein the composition contains a heterocyclic compound trimer (i) that is a heterocyclic compound trimer represented by the following formula (16):

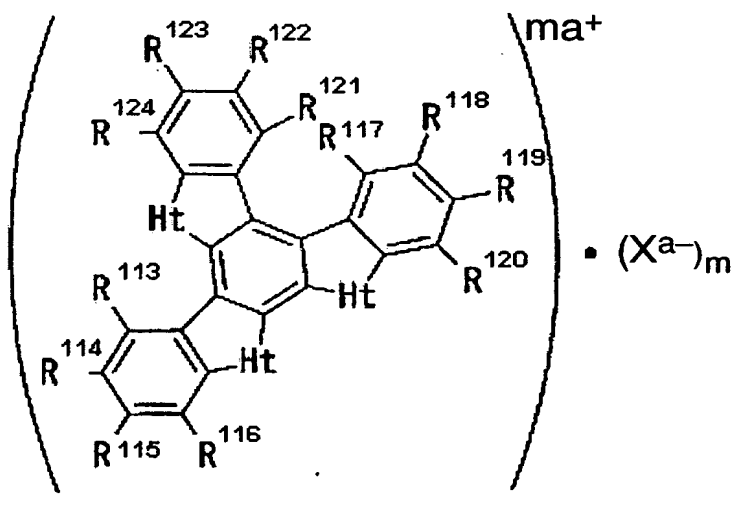


~~(in the formula (16))~~, wherein in the formula (16) R^{101} to R^{112} are substituents respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, linear or branched acyl group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, aldehyde group, carboxyl group, linear or branched carboxylic ester group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, sulfonic acid group, linear or branched sulfonic ester group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, cyano group, hydroxyl group, nitro group, amino group, amido group, dicyanovinyl group, alkyl (linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms) oxycarbonylcyanovinyl group, nitrophenylcyanovinyl group and halogen group;

Ht represents a heteroatom group selected from the group consisting of NR^{154} , S, O, Se and Te, and R^{154} represents a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms;

X^{a-} represents at least one type of anion selected from the group consisting of anions having a valence of 1 to 3 consisting of a chlorine ion, bromine ion, iodine ion, fluorine ion, nitrate ion, sulfate ion, hydrogensulfate ion, phosphate ion, borofluoride ion, perchlorate ion, thiocyanate ion, acetate ion, propionate ion, methane sulfonate ion, p-toluene sulfonate ion, trifluoroacetate ion and trifluoromethane sulfonate ion; a represents the ion valence of X and is an integer of 1 to 3; and, m represents the doping ratio and has a value of 0 to 3.0[()]].

Claim 17 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of~~ ~~claims 2 to 7~~ claim 2, wherein the composition contains a heterocyclic compound trimer (i) that is a heterocyclic compound trimer represented by the following general formula (17):



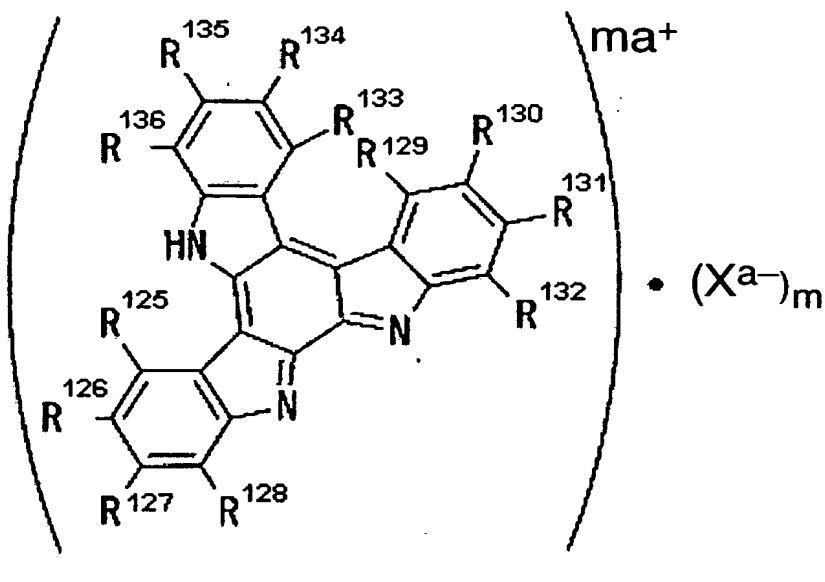
~~(in the formula (17))~~, wherein in the formula (17) R^{113} to R^{124} represent substituents respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, linear or branched acyl group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, aldehyde group, carboxyl group, linear or branched carboxylic ester group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, sulfonic acid group, linear

or branched sulfonic ester group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, cyano group, hydroxyl group, nitro group, amino group, amido group, dicyanovinyl group, alkyl (linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms) oxycarbonylcyanovinyl group, nitrophenylcyanovinyl group and halogen group; at least one of R^{113} to R^{124} is a cyano group, nitro group, amide group, halogen group, sulfonic acid group, and carboxyl group;

Ht represents a heteroatom group selected from the group consisting of NR^{154} , S, O, Se and Te, and R^{154} represents a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms;

X^{a-} represents at least one type of anion selected from the group consisting of anions having a valence of 1 to 3 consisting of a chlorine ion, bromine ion, iodine ion, fluorine ion, nitrate ion, sulfate ion, hydrogen sulfate ion, phosphate ion, borofluoride ion, perchlorate ion, thiocyanate ion, acetate ion, propionate ion, methane sulfonate ion, p-toluene sulfonate ion, trifluoroacetate ion and trifluoromethane sulfonate ion; a represents the ion valence of X and is an integer of 1 to 3; and, m represents the doping ratio and has a value of 0 to 3.0[[]].

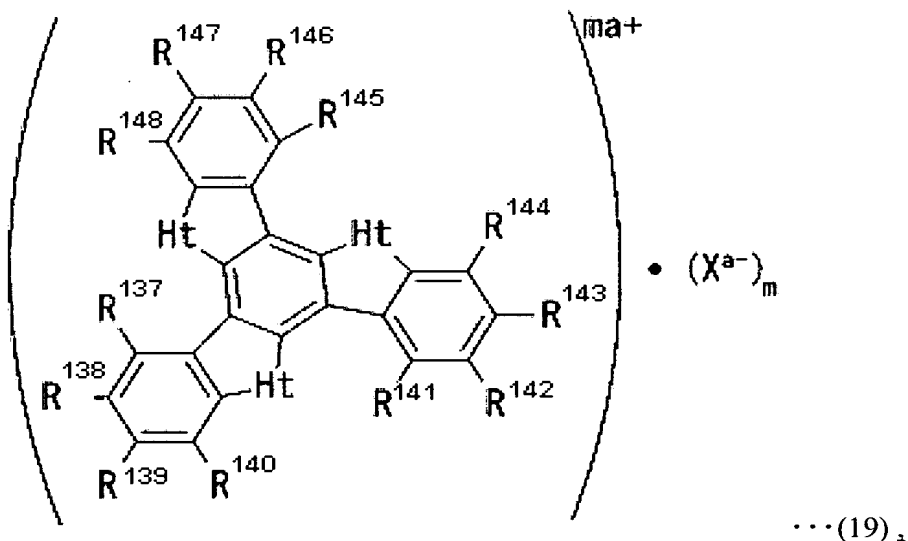
Claim 18 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 2, wherein the composition contains a heterocyclic compound trimer (i) that is a heterocyclic compound trimer represented by the following general formula (18):



(in the formula (18), wherein in the formula (18) R^{125} to R^{136} are substituents respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, linear or branched acyl group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, aldehyde group, carboxylic acid group and its alkaline metal salt, ammonium salt and substituted ammonium salt, linear or branched carboxylic ester group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, sulfonic acid group and its alkaline metal salt, ammonium salt and substituted ammonium salt, linear or branched sulfonic ester group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, cyano group, hydroxyl group, nitro group, amino group, amido group, dicyanovinyl group, alkyl (linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms)oxycarbonylcyanovinyl group, nitrophenylcyanovinyl group and halogen group;

X^{a-} represents at least one type of anion selected from the group consisting of anions having a valence of 1 to 3 consisting of a chlorine ion, bromine ion, iodine ion, fluorine ion, nitrate ion, sulfate ion, hydrogen sulfate ion, phosphate ion, borofluoride ion, perchlorate ion, thiocyanate ion, acetate ion, propionate ion, methane sulfonate ion, p-toluene sulfonate ion, trifluoroacetate ion and trifluoromethane sulfonate ion; a represents the ion valence of X and is an integer of 1 to 3; and, m represents the doping ratio and has a value of 0 to 3.0[()]].

Claim 19 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of~~
~~claims 2 to 7~~ claim 2, wherein the composition contains a heterocyclic compound trimer (i) that is
a heterocyclic compound trimer represented by the following general formula (19):

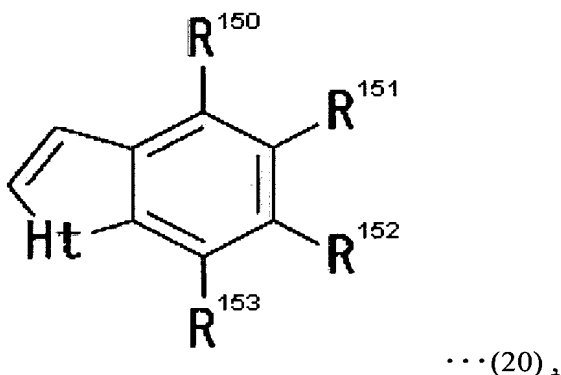


~~(in the formula (19))~~, wherein in the formula (19) R^{137} to R^{148} are substituents respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, linear or branched acyl group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, aldehyde group, carboxyl group, linear or branched carboxylic ester group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, sulfonic acid group, linear or branched sulfonic ester group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, cyano group, hydroxyl group, nitro group, amino group, amido group, dicyanovinyl group, alkyl (linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms)oxycarbonylcyanovinyl group, nitrophenylcyanovinyl group and halogen group;

Ht represents a heteroatom group selected from the group consisting of NR^{154} , S, O, Se and Te, and R^{154} represents a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms;

X^{a-} represents at least one type of anion selected from the group consisting of anions having a valence of 1 to 3 consisting of a chlorine ion, bromine ion, iodine ion, fluorine ion, nitrate ion, sulfate ion, hydrogen sulfate ion, phosphate ion, borofluoride ion, perchlorate ion, thiocyanate ion, acetate ion, propionate ion, methane sulfonate ion, p-toluene sulfonate ion, trifluoroacetate ion and trifluoromethane sulfonate ion; a represents the ion valence of X and is an integer of 1 to 3; and, m represents the doping ratio and has a value of 0 to 3.0[[]].

Claim 20 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of~~ ~~claims 2 to 7~~ claim 2, wherein the composition contains a heterocyclic compound trimer (i) that is a heterocyclic compound trimer obtained by reacting at least one type of heterocyclic compound represented by the following general formula (20) in a reaction mixture containing at least one type of oxidizing agent and at least one type of solvent:



~~(in the formula (20))~~, wherein in the formula (20) R^{150} to R^{153} are substituents respectively and independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, linear or branched alkoxy group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, linear or branched acyl group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, aldehyde group, carboxyl group, linear or branched carboxylic ester group having 2 to 24 carbon atoms, sulfonic acid group, linear or branched sulfonic ester group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms, cyano group, hydroxyl group, nitro group, amino group, amido group, dicyanovinyl group, alkyl (linear or branched alkyl group

having 1 to 8 carbon atoms)oxycarbonylcyanovinyl group, nitrophenylcyanovinyl group and halogen group; and,

Ht represents a heteroatom group selected from the group consisting of NR¹⁵⁴, S, O, Se and Te, and R¹⁵⁴ represents a substituent selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms[[]]].

Claim 21 (currently amended). A carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 7~~ claim 2, wherein said carbon nanotube composition includes a the heterocyclic compound trimer (i) ~~has~~ having a layered structure.

Claim 22 (currently amended). A production method of a carbon nanotube composition comprising: irradiating a carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 21~~ claim 1 with ultrasonic waves and mixing.

Claim 23 (currently amended). A composite comprising a base material, and a coated film composed of the carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 21~~ claim 1 on at least one surface of the base material.

Claim 24 (currently amended). A ~~production~~ method of producing a composite comprising: coating the carbon nanotube composition according to ~~any of claims 1 to 21~~ claim 1 onto at least one surface of a base material, and forming a coated film by allowing the coated carbon nanotube to stand at room temperature or subjecting it to heat treatment.

Claim 25 (original). A production method of a composite according to claim 24, wherein the heat treatment is carried out within a temperature range of normal temperature to 250°C.